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Diamond Reserves
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of diamond reserves available in the country at present, State/UT-wise
(b) whether the National Geo-physical Research Institute has earmarked Bastar and Eastern Dharwar cratons to be potential zones for presence of diamonds; and
(c) if so, he details threreof?

Answer

THE MININSTER OF STATE (IC) FOR POWER, COAL, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) As per the information available with Indian Bureau of Mines, the State-wise reserves/resources of Diamond in the country as on 01.04.2013 are given in the following table:-

Unit: Carat

States	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
Andhra Pradesh	0	1,822,955	1,822,955
Chhattisgarh	0	1,304,000	1,304,000
Madhya Pradesh	984,875	27,749,477	28,734,352
All India: Total	984,875	30,876,432	31,861,307

(b) & (c) No potential zones have been earmarked by National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI). However, some exploratory studies have been carried out by CSIR-NGRI on kimberlites of Dharwar, Bastar and Singhbhum regions which Preliminary studies suggest that a corridor covering parts of the Bastar and the Eastern Dharwar craton could be suitable for diamond prospectivity.
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